# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

GEORGIA STATE CONFERENCE OF	
THE NAACP, et al.	)
Plaintiffs,v.	) Case No. 1:21-CV-5338-ELB- )SCJ-SDG
STATE OF GEORGIA, et al.	) )
Defendants.	) )
COMMON CAUSE, et al.,	) Case No. 1:22-CV-00090-ELB- ) SCJ-SDG
Plaintiffs,	)
BRAD RAFFENSPERGER	)
Defendant.	,

# JOINT MOTION BY STATE DEFENDANTS AND CONSOLIDATED PLAINTIFFS TO AMEND STIPULATION AND ORDER REGARDING DISCOVERY

## I. BACKGROUND

On February 1, 2022, the Court issued a Scheduling Order in the above captioned cases, laying out certain discovery and expert deadlines. *See* Scheduling Order, (Ga. NAACP ECF No. 34; Common Cause ECF No. 22). The parties later entered into a stipulation related to deadlines that did not alter the overall schedule.

See Stipulation and Order Regarding Discovery (Ga. NAACP ECF No. 87).

As discovery has progressed, State Defendants and Consolidated Plaintiffs collectively have discussed adjusting certain deadlines and discovery obligations, to ensure, among other things, sufficient time for the production of data and other information that experts will use in their expert reports (including data and other information relating to the November 8, 2022 election and the subsequent statewide runoff in early December). Adjusting the deadline and discovery obligations will conserve resources and will contribute to the efficient resolution of this matter.

To that end, the parties jointly move this Court to amend the discovery obligations and deadlines in this action to the following:

#### II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. The Parties, which includes the Plaintiffs and Defendants, as well as their officers, directors, employees, and agents are referred to as the "Parties" solely for purposes of this stipulation.
- B. "Plaintiff" or "Plaintiffs" as used here shall mean the parties listed in Appendix A.
- C. "Defendant" or "Defendants" as used here shall mean the parties listed in Appendix B.
- D. "Third Party" or "Third Parties" as used here shall mean any party listed in Appendix C, and also any party that Plaintiffs or

Defendants issue a subpoena or subpoenas to in relation to this action.

#### III. FACT DEPOSITIONS

- A. In the event that production of documents by Third Parties that they had previously contended were subject to legislative privilege is not completed by the dates set forth below in this Section III, Plaintiffs reserve the right to request a further extension to these deadlines to allow the Parties to depose the respective deponents about the contents of any documents that the Court orders to be produced.
- B. The Parties agree to hold fact depositions for Plaintiffs or Defendants by January 20, 2023, and that such depositions may be held open if they occur prior to or within three weeks after production of documents by Third Parties that they had previously contended were subject to legislative privilege.
- C. The Parties agree to hold fact depositions for Third Parties by January 20, 2023, and that such depositions may be held open if they occur prior to or within three weeks after production of documents by Third Parties or Defendants that they had previously contended were subject to legislative privilege.
- D. The Parties agree that depositions may occur after January 20, 2023, if:
  - they are based on information newly provided in documents produced or in depositions, by the Defendants, Third Parties, or Plaintiffs, and
  - ii. a deposition subpoena is issued within two weeks of that information provided.
  - iii. Information newly provided includes any discovery to which Third Parties had previously contended was subject to legislative privilege, but that the Court orders to be produced.

E. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that continuations of depositions may occur after these deadlines.

## IV. EXPERT DISCOVERY

- A. The parties agree that the expert discovery deadlines should be extended as follows:
  - i. Deadline for Plaintiffs' and Defendants' expert disclosures January 13, 2023
  - ii. Deadline for rebuttal expert disclosures February 10, 2023
  - iii. Deadline to complete expert discovery March 3, 2023
- B. In the event that Defendants do not produce, by January 7, 2023, from each of the 2022 general and runoff elections both: 1) election results by precinct and the 2) racial turnout data by precinct, the parties agree to the following deadlines for supplemental expert reports:
  - i. Deadline for any supplemental report based on that data will be 2 weeks after the receipt of the data.
  - ii. Deadline for any supplemental rebuttal report will be due 2 weeks after receipt of the supplemental report.
  - iii. Deadline to complete depositions, which will be limited to the topics contained in the supplemental reports, will be 2 weeks after receipt of the supplemental rebuttal reports.
- C. Notwithstanding the preceding expert discovery schedule, if either party wishes to put forward an expert on intent or one that will rely on evidence withheld based upon an objection of legislative privilege and the court overrules said objection in whole or in part, that report, or a supplemental report if an expert's report was previously disclosed before the court's ruling upon an objection based upon legislative privilege, will be due 14 days after all depositions of Third Parties are

complete. The parties will meet and confer on the remainder of deadlines for experts related to intent and/or upon evidence in which the court overrules a legislative privilege objection, in whole and/or in part.

## V. MEET AND CONFER

A. The parties agree that they will continue to meet and confer to adjust these deadlines if needed to ensure expert discovery closes by March 3, 2023.

## VI. SUMMARY JUDGMENT

A. The parties agree that the deadlines for summary judgment briefing should be adjusted as follows:

Deadline to file motions for summary	March 27, 2023
judgment	
Deadline to file responses to motions	April 26, 2023
for summary judgment	
Deadline to file replies in support of	May 10, 2023
motions for summary judgment	

#### VII. EFFECT

The parties request that all prior scheduling orders and stipulations remain in effect except as modified as a result of this Motion.

## VIII. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, the parties jointly move this Court to amend the February 1, 2022 Scheduling order as follows:

Deadline for fact depositions for Plaintiffs or Defendants	January 20, 2023*
Deadline for fact depositions for Third Parties	January 20, 2023*
Deadline for Plaintiffs' and Defendants' expert disclosures (reports)	January 13, 2023
Deadline for rebuttal expert disclosures (reports)	February 10, 2023
Deadline to complete expert discovery	March 3, 2023
Deadline, in the event that Defendants do not produce, by January 7, 2023, from each of the 2022 general and runoff elections both 1) election results by precinct and the 2) racial turnout data by precinct, for any supplemental report based on that data	2 weeks after the receipt of the data
Deadline, in the event that Defendants do not produce, by January 7, 2023, from each of the 2022 general and runoff elections both 1) election results	2 weeks after receipt of the supplemental report

by precinct and the 2) racial turnout data by precinct, for any supplemental rebuttal report	
Deadline, in the event that Defendants do not produce, by January 7, 2023, from each of the 2022 general and runoff elections both 1) election results by precinct and the 2) racial turnout data by precinct to complete depositions, which will be limited to the topics contained in the supplemental reports	2 weeks after receipt of the supplemental rebuttal reports.
Deadline to file motions for summary judgment	March 27, 2023
Deadline to file responses to motions for summary judgment	April 26, 2023
Deadline to file replies in support of motions for summary judgment	May 10, 2023

The parties jointly request that the Court enter the accompanying Order.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of December, 2022.

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# CERTIFCATE OF COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to L.R. 7.1(D), I hereby certify that the forgoing motion has been prepared in Time New Roman 14, a font and type selection approved by the Court in L.R. 5.1(C).

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# **Appendix A**

The Plaintiffs in this action are:

Georgia State Conference of the NAACP

Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda, Inc

**GALEO Latino Community Development** 

**Common Cause** 

League of Women Voters of Georgia

**Dr. Ursula Thomas** 

**Jasmine Bowles** 

Dr. H. Benjamin Williams

**Brianne Perkins** 

**Dr. Cheryl Graves** 

# **Appendix B**

The Defendants in this action are:

The State of Georgia

**Governor Brian Kemp** 

**Secretary Brad Raffensperger** 

# **Appendix C**

The Third Parties in this action are:

Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office

**Senate Redistricting & Reapportionment Committee** 

House Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Committee

Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan

Sen. John Kennedy

Sen. Mike Dugan

Rep. Bonnie Rich

**Rep. Barry Fleming** 

Rep. Jan Jones

Rep. David Ralston

Gina Wright

**Adam Kincaid** 

**National Republican Redistricting Trust**